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## Winter finally returns

### Local businesses enjoy flurry of weekend activity

By Terrance Gavan

Despite warmer temperatures on Wednesday, winter finally, decisively arrived last weekend.

If you happened to get stuck behind a pickup hauling a double-wide snowmobile trailer last weekend, consider that big machines and big snow translate into big bucks for struggling businesses in Haliburton County. Many business owners who rely on the white commodity over the long winter have been praying for exactly this kind of weather.

Sure, residents are scrambling for salt, sand, shovels and snowblowers. But for sledders, Nordic skiers, alpine skiers, snowshoers and tourists — last week's reintroduction to winter was pure bliss.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association reports that most trails are now open, the groomers are out, and they have been fielding numerous calls from people ready to ride. "With our excellent base, the new snow that came in large amounts this past week definitely has given the groomers something to work with," commented Joachim Matysek, President of the HCSA.

On the HCSA website, Matysek says, "Most of the trails have been upgraded to open... The limited and closed trails either have water issues, logging operations, or are part of a trail that crosses a lake that has not been staked due to poor ice conditions. We need 30cm of good ice before we stake a lake. Our groomers were out this past weekend and if the weather holds we will continue to groom. This winter we will be doing some daytime grooming, so be aware."

McKecks is one local business that relies heavily on snowmobile traffic for its winter sustenance, and manager Karen Frybort summed up last week's



Novice snowmobilers practise some turns at the Pinestone Resort. Story on page 14  
 Photo Will Jones

bounty in her inimitable way. "Hallelujah!" said Frybort on Tuesday. "We noticed a big spike all weekend and lots of sledders. We also had the Homebuilders Charity Hockey Tournament in town and we were full on Saturday and Sunday. And even on Monday we had a large number of snowmobile riders in for lunch. We knew it was coming, but hey, we've been waiting a long time for this."

No different in Minden, where the new snowmobile trails proved a boon for the Dominion Hotel and other local attractions and businesses.

"Yes, oh for sure they [sledders] are out and on Saturday and Sunday we noticed a big bump," said Mary-Lu

Skinner, server-manager at The Dominion.

The Minden Ice Racing Series held its first of six events last weekend and Skinner said that the races contributed to business as well. Tom Prentice, who is in charge of keeping the Minden Fairgrounds ice racing oval ready, told *The Highlander* last week that the scheduled first race on Jan 21-22 was postponed for lack of snow on the safety berms surrounding the track. This week's dump, plus a lot of trucked-in snow, made for an exciting weekend of racing that drew 130 participants.

Meanwhile, other service sector businesses noticed a similar increase in activity. Haliburton Tim-Br Mart's Brett Wilson said, "Sand and salt's been going out of here pretty quick," although buoyant news came with a rather dismal, if temporary rider:

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### Karen Frybort

McKecks' Manager

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## Places for People seeks re-zoning approvals

By Terrance Gavan

Fay Martin, representing Places for People Haliburton County, approached Minden Hills Council last Thursday asking for some leeway on zoning and the possible fast-tracking of approvals for a piece of property located at 168 Bobcaygeon Road.

"Places for People is in the process of making an offer on a property in Minden, in order to renovate it to create affordable rental housing," said Martin.

According to the petition presented to council on Thursday, Places for People plans to "transform what is now a single family dwelling into a back and front duplex, each unit with three bedrooms. The property will require a zoning change (commercial to R2) and a minor variation (the lot size is less than that required by the zoning [regulations])."

In her presentation, Martin asked whether Minden Council might consider pushing the paperwork forward to coincide with the closing date for the purchase of the property. "We would like to explore what the Township can and is willing to do to expedite the process," said Martin. She added that the rezoning and other paperwork increase their chances of

closing the transaction. After closing, construction can begin with volunteers from Haliburton County homebuilders — assuming that most local builders are in their slow, shoulder season.

"Because we are providing long-term affordable housing in the community, and are dependent on funds raised locally... we will also ask the Township to absorb, or to reduce as much as possible, any related expenses within their jurisdiction," said Martin.

Councilor Larry Clarke said, "we're looking at the whole aspect of affordable housing and I can see developing a relationship with [Places for People]."

"We're a tiny sliver of the solution and we're very glad to see council is looking into the issues of affordable housing," said Martin.

Reeve Barb Reid said that Council would bring the request to the next meeting of the whole [Feb 9], to discuss staff's recommendations regarding the zoning change and whether they could expedite the rezoning process.

"We'll also investigate any financial relief on the costs of the zoning and variance," added Reid.

## Businesses see welcome bounce

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"People are coming in today [Tuesday] buying salt, getting ready for freezing rain."

Yes, the weekend bounty was followed with a weather anomaly on Tuesday night, which saw temperatures rising to six degrees before dropping again on Wednesday afternoon.

Paul Walker at Minden Home Hardware said they noticed a spike in salt and sand sales, as well as a significant bump in their rentals service bay. "We had a lot of snowblowers in for repairs," laughed Walker. "Lots of salt, lots of sand, and now everyone is getting ready for freezing rain."

Boatwerks on Highland Street in Haliburton said that there was an increase in outerwear sales but no other noticeable increases. "We sold some winter jackets for sure, but as far as hard goods, not anything that we noticed. But with sales coming up we're hoping to sell some Nordic equipment and see a pick up in snowshoe sales," said manager Corey Pietryszyn, who also has a personal stake in this winter wonderland. "I'm hoping to get out on the Nordic trails because every report says

they are just in terrific shape right now."

Haliburton Foodland on Highland Street saw a bump in business, too. "I know there were a lot more snowmobilers in town," said Foodland cashier Jess Elliott. "We always notice when they're in town because they dress a little differently than most shoppers. It was definitely busier in the store this weekend than it has been."

Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent in Haliburton, said a long list of local events plus the hefty rise in snowmobile traffic was uplifting. "Yeah, we had a really good weekend," said Todd. "I think the weather, combined with our pretty aggressive ad this week helped a lot."

Asked about salt sales, Todd just laughed. "We always sell a lot of salt at this time of year."

Despite the warm-up on Wednesday, the weather forecast calls for at or below-freezing temperatures for the next two weeks, with nights staying within a manageable range of between -7 and -14.

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# Minden Hills

## Teljeur pitches Conference for Water

### Council wants details before granting approval

By Terrance Gavan

A large music festival proposed for Minden this summer requires some guarantees and some due diligence on the part of the promoters, including a comprehensive vetting by the local OPP detachment.

That’s what Minden Hills Council told festival liaison John Teljeur at last Thursday’s council meeting.

Back in October, Teljeur told Council that the proposed 2012 inaugural event, which is slated for four days over the August long weekend “has the potential to draw 10,000 people into Minden.”

At that same council meeting, The Highlander reported that the organizers had been working with a promoter who is interested in making it a long-term event. The promoter asked Council for a five-year commitment for the use of the fairgrounds, and for investments in fairground improvements.

Last Thursday, Teljeur came prepared with a lengthy update. But the update still lacked firm details on the musical acts or the promoters, except to mention that long-time US promoter Wolfgang Siebert was one of the principles. “I can’t tell you right now about the acts,” said Teljeur at the Jan 26 meeting.

He did say that the proposed music festival now has a name, the Minden International Conference for Water.

Teljeur explained that organizers were committed to bringing in “\$500,000 worth of talent to the venue.”

He said that the focus — water — would provide an impetus for dramatic spin-offs in terms of coverage.

“A lot of VIPs and people who speak to the cause will be there,” said Teljeur. “There are few better areas than the County of Haliburton, which has 600 lakes, to host this event.”

He told Council that the four days in August would put Minden on the map for a full week, with many attendant activities. He also said there would be the possibility of some local jobs. “The event will be simulcast [on the web] around the world and there will be over \$1 million in staging and promoting costs,” said Teljeur. “The promoter is taking on all the risk, including a large insurance policy and the security and clean up costs.” He added that the clean up would be done “to the satisfaction of Council.”

Teljeur presented some mind-boggling numbers to Council, especially considering that the issue of overnight camping had not been fully addressed in previous presentations.

“We estimate [attendance] for the first year between 8,000 and 12,000 and that’s spread over four days,” said Teljeur. “After that, we’re looking at 20,000 for year two, and year three.”

He added that the promoter is looking for a four-year agreement to run from March of this year to September of 2016. Planned compensation to council is a payment of \$2 per sold ticket. “That means council is looking at [earning] \$16,000 in year one and more in year two and beyond,” said Teljeur. “The promoters are taking on all the liability, and there is an opt-out clause. I really believe that this opportunity is a tremendous catalyst for this community.

“What the promoter is trying to put together ... is an opportunity that does not come along very often.” He added that one of the primary conditions the promoters are looking at is a firm commitment to sign on to a four-year agreement.”

Councilor Brigitte Gall said, “this council can’t give four

years; it would [infringe] on the new council.”

Teljeur explained that the promoters might be open to an opt-out clause that allowed for a termination after three years. “And obviously if they don’t live up to the promises and guarantees, the contract is null and void,” said Teljeur.

“Where are we going to put the people?” asked Gall, a question that was posed at earlier meetings with Teljeur. Teljeur said only that camping site negotiations were ongoing.

Reid also asked if Teljeur had been in contact with the OPP regarding their views on a four-day festival.

“No,” said Teljeur, “[we thought] it would be premature to go to the OPP before we have an agreement.”

Reeve Barb Reid said that Sgt Mike Landry had come to her about the event and expressed some concerns. “I would encourage you to link in with them [OPP] before bringing it to Council again,” said the reeve.

She added that the delegation would have to return to the committee of the whole on Feb 9. “I think it’s a great concert, and great that you’ve themed it around water,” added Reid. “It sounds very exciting.

“We really look forward to getting the proposal, assuming the exit clause is there, in case things go pear-shaped.

“It will be a big game changer,” said Teljeur. “Just having [the concert] on the web and simulcast around the world. I know some of the acts and I’m really excited.”

Gerry Morrison, Minden Hills CAO, told Teljeur that a trip to the OPP would be required before Council could vote on the merits of the endeavour.

“It should be noted that you go to the OPP,” said Morrison. “We will need that [OPP recommendation] before we make a decision; and we’ll need it 48 hours before the department head meeting.”

## Pharmasave investing in Minden’s future

### Renovated premises to have space for doctor or nurse practitioner

By Terrance Gavan

At the Jan 26 Council meeting, Pharmasave owners Peter Meraw and Richard Smith said that they were investing in the future of the Village of Minden.

Pharmasave is expanding its premises while addressing the lingering premise that Minden’s downtown core is lacking lustre. Included in the plans to expand and renovate their pharmacy is signage on Hwy 35 extolling the virtues of downtown Minden.

“A couple of months ago I came to Barb [Reeve Reid] and told her we’re planning an expansion,” Meraw told Council. “It’s something that I think will give the town a bit of positive economic news in a time when it’s not always good news,” he added. “We have a plan to purchase the building beside us [formerly Golden’s] and merge the two buildings, to expand our current building.”

Meraw said that they’ll have a new, more attractive entrance and a larger entry at the back. “We’ve simply expanded too much in terms of our business congestion within the available square footage of our footprint,” he continued. “It gives us the space we need. It creates, potentially, new jobs and better services for our clientele and our tourists.”

He told Council that small mom and pop pharmacies simply cannot survive in today’s environment. He added that Pharmasave’s growth over the last six years – since locating in Minden – has exceeded expectations.

“We have expanded too much in terms of our business projections,” said Meraw. “Our profession has changed and

we have to get large to compete. The day of the high-service, small independents is no longer viable. And we can offer a wider range of services with the expansion. It’s a new world of pharmacy and a new world of health care.”

Smith said that the back parking lot will open up parking options and remove congestion on the main street.

The expanded Minden Pharmasave will also contain space that may be used by a physician or nurse practitioner, turning the pharmacy into a health care unit in the downtown core.

“We’ve got a health care property or health care hub in mind,” Smith told council.

“They’re pushing max capacity at the Haliburton clinic and we’ve mentioned to Paul [Rosebush, President and CEO of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services] that we would donate the space to a nurse practitioner or a doctor.”

Meraw and Smith said that construction will start shortly and that the expanded premises should be operational by summer.

The signage they’ve purchased on Highway 35 proposes an interesting complement to the renovations: Smith and Meraw plan to use it to promote their own store while also highlighting the many businesses operating in the downtown core. He and Smith have asked Council for permission to use the Minden Hills logo on the signage, something that Council will consider at the next meeting.

On the potential wider value of the signage, Meraw said, “We should be promoting the number of great attractions that we have to offer.”


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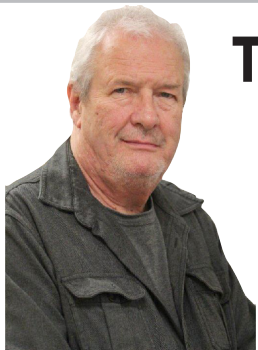
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# Editorial opinion



## The Shafias, Afghanistan and the 21<sup>st</sup> century

By Stephen Patrick

So, the dreadful Shafias – Mohammad, wife Tooba, and son Hamed – will spend most of the rest of their lives in prison for their horrific crimes. Sophisticated murderers they weren't. Their incompetence and arrogance made the police's job not particularly onerous. The defense scarcely stood a chance, and the jury's duty was clear.

Four women, ages 13, 17, 19 and 52 murdered in cold blood, in obeisance to a medieval code of "honour." For honour, read the desire to completely and utterly subjugate women to the will of men.

These events have deeply disturbed Canadians on many levels. Here was a wealthy, immigrant family whose four children were already deeply assimilated into our society after only a few years here; the three vibrant teenage girls wanted to live a normal, North American, middle class life, while the son was tragically in thrall to the code, and to his father.

The official media reaction has been predictable. Sun Media vented its rage by taking over the websites of all its newspapers (including the Echo and the Times) to demand that the Prime Minister call an urgent cabinet meeting to deal with what they described, hysterically, as an "epidemic." The Star's Rosie DiManno, echoing a wire-tapped sentiment of the senior Shafia, called upon the devil to do something on the murderer's graves that we can't print in a family newspaper (although she also called the crime an "inconceivable aberration.") The National Post's Christie Blatchford, along with DiManno a long-time Afghanistan reporter, gave a more nuanced view, while pointing out that in the UK some 3,000 so-called honour attacks were recorded by police in 2010 alone.

As our world shrinks, the conflict and tension between such barbaric practices and what we consider to be our shared societal values will inevitably increase.

And I also confess to feeling a little uneasy and skeptical of some of the media's motives; there's a whiff of that old Canadian self-righteousness in the air, a faint hangover from the "Little Englander" sense of colonial superiority.

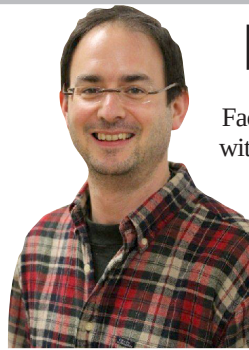
Perhaps we need to remember that, after all, we're only a few generations removed from when Newfoundland's Beothuks First Nation became extinct, either deliberately or through inadvertence by the European colonists. In the past two decades, authorities essentially turned a blind eye to the activities of a BC farmer, Robert Pickton, presumably because his victims were mainly First Nations female drug addicts and prostitutes and deemed to be disposable.

The vast majority of Muslim Canadians are no more "barbaric" in their behaviour or religious practices than are any other groups. They also shudder in horror at the Shafias' and others' perversion of their shared heritage, much as many Irish Canadians were appalled a few short years ago at the mindless violence in Northern Ireland. And clearly, our social agencies, which were apparently so cataclysmically insensitive to the Shafia girls' plight, need a short, fast course in recognizing danger signs within certain cultural communities.

Our shrinking world is a reality. Even here in peaceful, welcoming, community-minded Haliburton County, cultural and racial diversity is on the fast track. It's essential that we keep our collective cool and our tolerance of the other, particularly when we're visited by such unimaginable horror.

## Correction

In the Driving Miss Daisy advertorial of Jan 19, we incorrectly edited the article to describe Dianna Owen as the company's founder. The company was in fact founded and is still owned by Bev Halisky of St. Albert, Alberta; Dianna Owen is a local franchisee. We apologize to Ms Owen and Driving Miss Daisy for the error.



By Bram Lebo

## Foodland is my Facebook

Facebook, you may have heard, is going public. They will have to do it without me.

I am what you call a late adopter. We're a class of curmudgeonly folk, the kind to whom it must be demonstrated — preferably by a licensed professional with a PhD — that something is beneficial before we make an investment in the type of lifestyle change Facebook demands.

And demanding it is. First you have to post a profile that you'd want 700 million people to read, everyone from that jerk who put gum on your bike seat in grade two to your next potential

employer. Finding the right material to impress and entertain such a diverse audience would stress me out to no end.

Then there's the loading of friends, whom you ask to connect in a way that seems very much like an electronic version of the first day of kindergarten. I remember the first day of kindergarten, and I'd rather crawl up under the duvet and wait for spring.

And the maintenance. The maintenance! One must stay up-to-date on one's Facebook page, be au courant, witty, exciting and impressive while regularly perusing the pages of friends to note their new cars, fabulous new jobs, graduated children and fabulous vacations you will certainly never take. I thought in my 40's I had come far enough from the one-upmanship and status-jockeying of high school to finally relax, but there it is, perfectly reconstructed in cyberspace. It's like they've hired my grandmother to say, billions of times a day, why can't you do that?

Finally, there is the issue of privacy. If the Stasi, the former East Germany's secret police, had ever wanted to devise an online surveillance system, they could not have done better than Facebook. It's a gift, wrapped in a bow, for every oppressive government on the planet.

While we may not practice official oppression here in the West, stupidity often has equivalent results. To wit, the Brits who were handcuffed, locked up for 12 hours and deported last month at the Los Angeles airport because one of them tweeted a quote from an American television show. In the hands of idiots, jokes are terrorism and photos of breastfeeding are pornography. You want to trust your information to governments that x-ray shoes to prevent terrorism? Companies that bring you junk mail, telemarketing calls and 24 percent interest rates? Good luck — that link you posted to a song you like could turn you into an intellectual property pirate.

A pirate! I have not wanted to be a pirate since Halloween 1976, but I have no doubt that my fate, were I to join Facebook, would see me shackled and shipped off to a secret prison for the most heinous of crimes I would never commit, with nary a plastic sword as consolation. Tell it to the judge. Oh sorry, no judge.

So I will not be joining Facebook, for all of these reasons, but most of all because of what it does to the nature of friendship.

Being curmudgeonly, I have modest standards for my friends: specifically, I expect them to be friendly. Once in a while, they might pick up a phone and call me. Or I might call them and they will take the call, instead of screening me out with call rudeness. With friends, there is some ongoing relationship, a desire to be in touch; if someone can't be bothered to call me once a decade, they're not much of a friend.

But with Facebook, you can collect cords of friends you never have to talk to. In fact, I know people who admit to "friending" people on Facebook for exactly that purpose; to eliminate the obligation to connect in real life. For many, Facebook is being used to distance ourselves from one another in just another example of quantity over quality. Sad, because for most people, one friend is better than 500 "friends".

I will admit to one reason for wanting to join Facebook, and that is to keep up-to-date on the antics of nieces and nephews. Sorry to friends with children, but I could not give a hoot about your kids other than to note they are not cute when they stuff French fries up their noses at what you promised was an adults-only dinner party. But if Will or Harrison made a Play-doh robot today and stomped it into the new carpet, I need to know immediately.

Fortunately I do. I can stay current with the people I care about, one at a time and in the form of an actual, honest-to-goodness relationship. Usually once a week, sometimes more, I pick up that ancient instrument and shout down the horn to my loved ones. Or we use Skype and see each other in living colour.

Closer to home, Foodland is my Facebook. I love seeing people I know in town. We say hi, we catch up, and we move along. The conversation is not archived for eternity and nobody runs up to us with a billboard for a new Chevy because they overheard us talking about cars; there is no risk the Department of Homeland Security will get a copy of the choice words I've reserved for various political figures.

Though Facebook will surely get a fortune from selling its shares, it cheapens one of the most valuable commodities around — friendship. It turns our urge to connect into just another crass opportunity to advertise. Worse, Facebook's insistence on controlling, cataloguing and sharing our personal information, in ways we know about and more importantly, in ways we don't, threatens our freedom to think and discuss in private. In the wrong hands — an officious employee, overzealous school or government agency — this sharing of personal information could become our worst nightmare.

So to those who might look for me on Facebook — try the Foodland instead.

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# Letters to the Editor

## “Ward’s statements... elitist and insensitive.”

Dear Editor:

I was intrigued by Victoria Ward’s State of the Arts column in the Jan 26 issue of the Highlander. Her premise that “Art doesn’t lend itself to online shopping” was timely considering the recent formation of MadeinHaliburton.ca. MadeinHaliburton.ca is a soon-to-be-up online gallery for artists and craftspeople, though nowhere in her article does Ward specify that her thoughts came from the start up of that organization or are geared towards those who might be thinking of joining it.

That omission aside, I found some of Ward’s statements somewhat elitist and insensitive. She says that, “All galleries and artists today have websites or a web presence.”

Excuse me. I know that not to be true. There are very many artists in our communities who cannot afford or lack the knowledge or time to put up their work on their own website and maintain the site. MadeinHaliburton.ca offers a personal web page option for artists, while freeing them up to spend more of their time on their art or in making a living.

Ward goes on to say that, “if you have a high profile you can be easily Googled and your work will be somewhere.” How very nice for those high profile artists. What about the not-so-high profile artists, or the struggling artists, which incidentally includes about 99 percent of all artists, anywhere in the world? Sheer numbers make it obvious that most significant art will be coming from that 99 percent.

Ward sums up her skewed column by stating that, “shilling work online could be easily as harmful as it might be helpful to the artist.” Does that statement also apply to those high profile artists who have their own sites?

Of course in today’s fractured society, no one method of getting your work out there is sufficient or foolproof; but as a means of familiarizing the public to one’s work and as a reinforcement to other, more traditional methods like galleries and shows, an online presence is surely an additional option worth strong consideration. Online shopping after all is still in its infancy, and I doubt Ms Ward’s crystal ball can predict trends.

George Farrell, Gelert

## Cultural Centre restructures Job losses not for cause

Dear Editor:

Caroline Mclachlan-Darling and I would first like to say how much we enjoyed our time working at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. We both entered the museum field with great passion and energy and gave everything to our jobs each and every day, often volunteering our time to insure that events were the best possible.

We have been informed that the Cultural Centre is restructuring, which means the end of our positions, and we have both been invited to apply to any new positions when they get announced. We have both been provided with fair severance packages and reference letters.

We ask that the Highlander print a clarification on their website and in the paper stating that our jobs were terminated under a municipal restructuring, not through any fault of our own, and [that] our jobs, as they had been defined, no longer exist.

We wish to thank the staff and volunteers at the centre for making our time there enriching and enjoyable and hope the centre will continue to evolve as it reaches ever higher levels of excellence. We thank the community for their past support in both our professional and personal lives here and hope Minden will prosper in 2012.

**Sheryl Loucks, former RD Lawrence Place Coordinator & Caroline Mclachlan-Darling, former Minden Hills Museum Curator**

## “St. Paul’s Epistles were written at a barbaric time...”

Dear Editor:

Thank you for having opened up the discussion, in your last editorial, on the role of religion. Succeeding letters have proven you right. If now we can keep our discourse civil and texts short, writers will continue to flourish at The Highlander, I feel.

Rev. Gary Swagerman, I dare say, will continue to be respected for a divergent opinion that he freely expressed, even though I must say how glad I am that my own Pastor kept quiet on the subject, as I infer from your report.

Saint Paul’s Epistles were written at a barbaric time when the only alternative to anarchy and chaos was a strong central authority, and a perilous road indeed awaited the rebel, the warlord’s mercenaries as well as vulnerable families.

Democratic reforms were still a mere gleam in the eyes of the likes of Tiberius Gracchus or Spartacus.

I have compared printed copies of the Scriptures and cannot find justification to Craig Bugden’s suggestion that “... King James...changed the Bible,” at least as far as Romans 13 is concerned.

Reluctantly, I must agree with Doug Smith’s complaint that local clerics have shown scant interest in the politically urgent social questions of the day, such as the Occupying Movement for all its wars.

Happily, however, I have found no contradiction between my “blind obedience” Catholic faith and my past “occupying” activities as the sole local protestor when George Bush and Tony Blair went to war against Iraq.

Mr. Charles Lutz, Haliburton

## How does the food get here?

Dear Editor:

One of the modern wonders is in the food distribution business. A recent weekend flyer listed “fresh” fruits and vegetables, imported from 13 different countries into Canada and arriving in an edible state in Haliburton. How do they do it?

Eighty years ago, about the only imports into our food chain on the farm were fruits from Niagara and sometimes oranges from Florida. These came in by train, from Barrie to Minesing.

**Bruce Armstrong, Haliburton**

# The Outsider — Riding the trail

And so it was to the next step — hurdle, challenge, goal, whatever you want to call it — in my quest to become more Canadian: poutine.

Whoa, whoa — let’s back up a little here. I’m not ready to make that kind of commitment to your country yet. I mean, chips (sorry, fries) slathered with cheese curd and gravy — come on! Your ancestors must have been very hungry or stupid to want to eat that.

So instead, putting the stomach convulsions that I instinctively get when poutine is mentioned to one side, I’d like to tell you about my first snowmobiling experience. But before I begin, is it snowmobiling or skidooing? What is the correct term to use?

I ask for two reasons. Firstly, I don’t want to sound like a dufus when boasting of my exploits in the bar, and second because becoming Canadian is, I believe, in the details.

I say this because I’ve already been pulled up for calling hockey, ice hockey! I’m sorry, but being an outsider I assumed that hockey, that popular game played worldwide in countries including India, Pakistan and Spain, where the ice is, shall we say, wetter than hard, was the term used for field hockey and that the sport played on ice would be termed ice hockey. But no. And I was firmly put in my place.

Then again, you folks also watch football. Not the real kind that is played with the feet and which is actually

called football in the rest of the whole wide world, but the American kind; the one where teams of hundreds get dressed up in more armour than the knights of the Round Table, only to stand around for four hours between sporadic bursts when players pick up the ball and throw it. Hmmm, I’d watch your step with the whole, “it’s just hockey, stupid,” trip.

But I digress. I snowmobiled/skidoed (I’m using both so as not to offend) for the first time last week and it was great fun. After lengthy tuition, from a team of five highly-qualified instructors who clearly recognized that they’d got a fellow who thought it was called ice hockey on their hands, we sped out into the bush on a rip-roaring ride of a lifetime.

I should qualify that last statement (not the one about hockey, I already did that!). The rip-roaring was kept to a relatively sedate pace; one at which the instructor could comfortably jog alongside me, giving pointers. I lost him at one point as he fell into a muddy hole, the type which, once he’d caught up, he assured me wouldn’t normally be here in colder, snowier winters. Boy, this guy knew how to keep his cool. Or, perhaps that was what he was trying to do, by standing in the watery ditch like that.

I learned how to shift my body position, leaning into the turn, scooching-back on downhill and ‘posting’ on the uphill climbs. I put these moves into good practice,

leaning far over to the left and right to stabilize my ride, as we taxied slowly around the snow-covered lawns of the Pinestone.

I also noted that Canadians are getting softer. Not in the squidgy sense, although some medical folk would have us believe that, too (something else I blame the Americans for), but in the can’t-take-the-cold kind of way. My snowmobile/skidoo was equipped with a heated throttle, heated handlebars and a heated seat, all of which the instructor proudly demonstrated and then turned up fully. He then proceeded to tell me that some snowmobile/skidoo suits are heated, and that you can get heated boots, too.

May as well just jump in the SUV and go for a drive, if that’s what you want!

Warmed appendages aside, the adventure was a blast. We eventually got out on the trails and, while I may not have reached the breakneck speeds at which I see some folk travel across Head Lake, I did get to feel the wind against my face and taste the exhaust fumes of the guy in front, as I leaned, scoochd and posted for all I was worth.

Yes, I came away from my first snowmobile/skidoing experience invigorated; and, with fried fingers and a slow roasted back side.



By Will Jones



# Highlander arts

## State of the Arts



By Victoria Ward

## When was the War of 1812?

We used to have a running joke in my family; if you wanted to see how stupid someone was, you asked them “When was the War of 1812?” Remarkably, several people over the years answered that they were uncertain. But beyond that joke, I didn’t really know much about that historic episode; Canadian history wasn’t the apex of my schooling — it was taught with shocking blandness.

I was, however, lucky enough during my incarnation as a playwright to witness Michael Hollingsworth’s *The History of the Village of Small Huts*, his multi-chaptered plays about the history of Canada. I think I have seen all of them, some of them twice. Hollingsworth describes his plays as history for an audience “raised on rock music and TV; the age of electronic information. It is the goons of history in their very own ‘Goon Show.’ It’s the Canadian ‘Book of the Dead,’ a merry tale told by ghosts and demons.” And it was. (For more information, see Videocab.com.)

Hollingsworth’s satirical look backward at how we came to be wasn’t high art or the finest kind of theatre, but it was eventful, fun, smart and truly patriotic. Here was an artist from Wales who was able to pull together the uneven history that is Canada and make it seem as biting as Monty Python. I wished I’d had him as a high school history teacher; after seeing his plays, I couldn’t believe what I had been missing.

This year marks the 200-year anniversary of the War of 1812. My first experience with this historic high point began with my partner recalling his childhood in Ottawa, in the original war museum where he was able to get up close and personal with General Isaac Brock’s coat and its bullet hole. He introduced me to the bullet hole early in our relationship — that bullet hole represented real, historic horror, a glimpse into violence, an echo of defiance from the past. It was creepy and very, very cool. Historic treasures can reassure us; people who came before were heroes and made mistakes too.

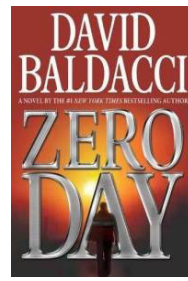
I had no idea that the British burned down the White House during an 1812 skirmish, or that *The Star Spangled Banner* was written because of and during that war. I had no idea that French, English and Aboriginal soldiered together, creating a more than intimidating front. And that many in the United States weren’t even sold on their own revolution and vacillated on whom to support — the British or the ‘Americans’.

I am not a war buff at all. In fact, I’d rather we didn’t ‘celebrate’ the killing of each other. However, the 1812 war commemorations do something more than that. They provides us with stories of how people risked their lives for their beliefs, and how meaningful outcomes came to pass. They also give us a moment to reflect on a war which was fought at home instead of somewhere you only ever see on TV.

In my lifetime, we have seen ourselves as a peacekeeping nation. But if Mr. Harper, our illustrious leader, gets his way, we should be finely militarized by the time he leaves office. He is spending enormous amounts on celebrations this summer, marking the anniversary; the ‘1812 spectacular’ will give him a chance to show us a splashier side to his taciturn personality. Celebrations are also happening across the country that might prove to be as interesting, albeit without the budget.

After the 200 years that have passed, shouldn’t we ask who are we and what have we learned? We Canadians are so sheepish about such things and that’s a shame. It would be truly great if a large scale national event actually propelled us forward in some way, inspired us, and perhaps even enlightened our collective path. But knowing the tone set by the government these days, the commemorations are likely to be dreadfully serious and stiff. No, I shouldn’t be so close minded; perhaps this kind of celebration will bring out the poetic side of our government.

How to celebrate war and have it not reek of stodgy propaganda? Vexing. Of course if I were in charge, Michael Hollingsworth would be directing the celebrations on the Hill: a keen sense of the absurd and cheeky anecdotes, all told in a great story, would go a long way towards allowing Canadians of all political stripes to have a much larger experience, and a reason to share it.



## Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of January 30 — February 5.

### HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Zero Day* by David Baldacci
2. *The Drop* by Michael Connelly
3. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
4. *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson
5. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer

### HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
2. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
3. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno
4. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
5. *Currency Wars. The Making of the Next Global Crisis* by James Rickards

Over the last month, we at the library have been watching *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* soar in popularity. This book was released in 2005, and while it was quite well reviewed, it was never really all that high on our radar — until now. As is almost always the case when a big movie adapted from a novel is released, people have been drawn back to the book.

Some people prefer to read the book before the movie, while others like to watch the movie first and then read the book, to provide them with better insight into the characters, or to get some clarification on questions left unanswered in the movie. Whatever your preference, remember that a movie is only two hours long, whereas a book may take up to five times that amount of time to complete — so if you are only watching the film, you may be missing out on the whole story.

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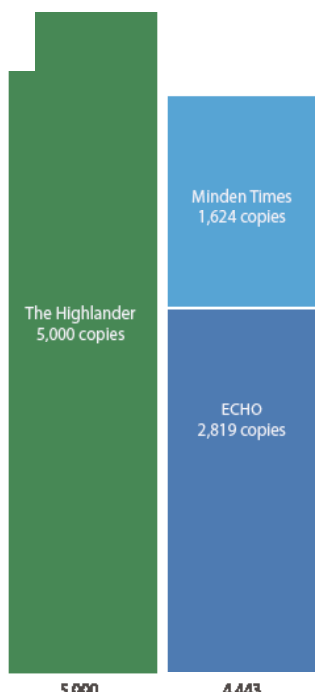
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# County news

## Food banks issue call for help

### Need “Christmas” donations all year to keep up

By Will Jones

Christmas has come and gone with a flurry of snow, a feast or two and a sack full of presents for many of us. We did remember others though and, during that festive time of giving, many of us donated to a charity, or a local food bank.

And the food banks are extremely grateful.

However the food banks and folks who rely on them need our help now more than ever. “Winter has been especially hard for people this year due in part to the poor weather,” says Clara Burt, of Wilberforce World of Life Emergency Food and Clothing Outreach. “Seasonal work accounts for much of the employment up here and so families who count on two pay packets are finding it hard to make ends meet this winter. With little snow and poor quality ice comes less winter tourism and so no work for at least one wage earner in the family. The working poor are a sector that we’re seeing more and more of in Wilberforce.”

The same story is true around the county. In Minden, Haliburton and Cardiff the number of people requesting assistance in January 2012 is significantly higher than in the same period in previous years. A combination of the economic downturn and the unseasonably warm and wet winter weather is having a big impact on the many local folk who live on or below the poverty line.

In Minden, the number of people coming to the food bank has risen by 20 percent from last year. “January to March is always hard on people and this year we’re seeing more of them come to us for help,” says Barb Walford-Davis, chair of Minden Food Bank. “Last year saw 80 people visit us in January; this year we’ve had 100 already.” I hope these numbers go down again because we’ll find it difficult to cope but there are challenging times ahead and so I can’t count on that.”

What Minden Food Bank and others do count on is the continued support of the community. The thing is, many of us seem to forget the plight of those in need at this time of year, and food banks need continual contributions to keep up.

In 2011 Minden Food Bank received a total of \$101,314 in donations. It sounds like a lot, but the organization’s expenses for the year were \$116,595, due to the higher than expected volume of food required and the increasing prices of that food. The Minden Food Bank spends approximately 65 percent of its income on food and supplies for recipients, while the remainder goes to rent, hydro, water and sewer,

**Clara Burt**

Wilberforce World of Life  
Emergency Food & Clothing Outreach

*The working poor are a sector that we’re seeing more and more of in Wilberforce.*



Volunteer Murray Tripp fills up a food carton at Haliburton 4Cs last weekend. Photo Stephen Patrick.

garbage, insurance, snow removal, transportation and other assorted expenses.

“People are very generous, especially at Christmas,” says Walford-Davis, “but in truth we need them to think of us not just in the holiday season but all year round.”

Evelyn Mutis-Van der Zalm, chair of the Cardiff Community Food Bank, agrees. “People give at Christmas because they think of others at that time, and that is wonderful but we need it to be Christmas for 12 months of the year. We need to be able to provide for those in need all of the time.” Mutis-Van der Zalm explains that in the past few weeks, three new families have asked for assistance from the Cardiff Community Food Bank, in addition to the 30 that she sees regularly. “I expect to see more next month, too,” she says, “due to the lack of seasonal work.”

The call to donate should not be taken as an indication that Mutis-Van der Zalm and her volunteer colleagues are not grateful for anything we can give at Christmas or other times — far from it. “Without the local donations, we simply couldn’t operate,” she says. “Cardiff is a very small community and yet time and again people help out. We are truly grateful for all the help we get.”

Similarly, in Haliburton, the 4C’s Food Bank treasurer, Judy MacDuff, acknowledges all of the local support. “Everyone who shops in the Lily Anne is supporting our food bank and with this income, plus the generous donations, we are able to help around 100 people every month. However, we need that continued support because people in our communities are going hungry all year round and we can’t forget about them.”

The 4C’s is building up to its busiest time of the year, March

and April. MacDuff explains that as peoples’ unemployment benefits run out, more and more have to turn to the food bank for help. “We get upwards of 130 people in late winter, early spring, so it’s a challenge for sure.”

The story is the same at all four of the county’s food banks: “We love that you give but we are getting more and more calls for help so please don’t forget about us till next holiday time.”

Back in Wilberforce, Burt says, “Every little [donation] counts and we make sure it goes a long way. Please give, and give even a small amount regularly because that helps us balance our needs month by month, rather than hoping for the odd bigger donation.”

Walford-Davis echoes the same message, saying “It is easier for the food bank to operate if donations come in on a regular basis; that way we are better able to budget and buy food. We are, of course, extremely grateful for all the donations around holiday times but we’d really appreciate if people could help throughout the year. Even if people gave a little less but gave regularly each month, it would really help out.”

At Cardiff, amid the worries about lack of winter work and more families needing assistance, there is some good news. “Two of the people that we’ve been helping out are now getting back into employment,” says Mutis-Van der Zalm. “One gentleman has been retrained and found a job, while another, who was sick, is now well again and returning to work. It’s a wonderful feeling when you know you’ve helped someone get back on their feet. That said, we will be here for them during their transition.”

The food banks make a substantial difference to the lives of many people in Haliburton County. And, they are run by tireless volunteers who should be applauded for their dedication. But the volunteers don’t want our thanks just now — they want our help to ensure that no one goes hungry, no matter what time of year it is.

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# Highlander business

## RRSPs basics explained

### Contributions allow tax deferment until after retirement

By Susan Lee

It's that time of year again when we gather up our tax receipts, T4s from work and T3s from investment income, in eager anticipation of filing our income tax returns. Of course, this is also the time of year our thoughts turn to Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs).

The companies that want a share of your RRSP money are advertising heavily right now. Many of us, not wanting to miss the boat, rush to our mutual fund salesperson, financial advisor or financial institution to make a RRSP contribution. In exchange for the contribution, we get a tax receipt to help reduce the income tax we have to pay for 2011. The tax is deferred (put off) until some time in the future when we take the money out of our RRSP.

Many people invest in RRSPs but do not understand the whole process, and as with many government-designed programs, it's not black and white. In this article and the next, I hope to help you with your RRSP decisions, but please remember that with all financial planning, your individual circumstances should be taken into account; one size does not fit all.

#### RRSPs: The Basics Part I

RRSPs were introduced to Canadians by the federal government as a vehicle to encourage us to save for our retirement years; not a bad idea, because the maximum government-guaranteed pensions payable from age 65 are, if you qualify, OAS at \$508 and CPP at \$934 per month: \$1,442 in total.

Look at your monthly expenses now, such as food, gas, car insurance — could you live on this income alone? The basic goal of RRSPs is to bridge this gap and provide additional income in our retirement years.

The amount you will actually receive from government programs varies depending on the contributions you made to CPP over the years — you can find out your eligibility at ServiceCanada.gc.ca. But ask around, and you will find that few actually receive the full amount.

When you contribute to an RRSP, you receive a tax receipt to use on your tax return as a one-time deduction; deductions reduce your taxable income. For example, a \$5,000 RRSP contribution made against \$40,000 earned leaves \$35,000 in taxable income; in this example, the taxpayer defers paying tax on the contributed \$5,000 — about \$1,250.

Looking down the road to retirement, you might receive \$17,304 from OAS and CPP. At that point, if the \$5,000 originally contributed is withdrawn from your RRSP (or RRIF), and taking advantage of the \$2,000 pension tax credit (RIF payments count), the tax payable on that withdrawal is \$927.00.

So as you can see, income tax is eventually paid, but possibly at a lower rate if your retirement income is reduced from what it is now. And even though tax is eventually paid, you'll appreciate having the RRSP/RIF savings to supplement your income in retirement years.

RRSP are only one product that can be used to save for retirement. Understanding other options will allow you to make informed decisions, to get the most out of your individual retirement plan.

Look for Part II in the next issue of The Highlander.

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Left to right (front to back row): Tim Hagarty, Janis Parker, Lisa and Bill Kerr, Wendy Ladurantaye and Gary Swagerman, Darren Lum, John Teljeur, Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur. Missing: Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant, West Guilford Shopping Centre and 241 Pizza.

## John Teljeur named Highlander of the Year

### Annual Chamber awards gala honours local businesses and non-profits

By Mark Arike

Some 10 awards were distributed to individuals, business owners and not-for-profit organizations in the Highlands, at the sixth annual Business & Community Achievement Awards Gala held on Jan 28 at the Pinestone Resort.

The annual event, which is hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, saw over 160 guests attend. The Chamber offers member-based services and currently has 340 members.

Prior to the handing out of the clear, glass

awards — created by Artech Studios — those in attendance were treated to some comic relief from Mike Jaycock. The master of ceremonies, who is a regular Canoe FM personality, poked fun at many of those in the room, including local politicians. Guests also indulged in a buffet dinner, provided by the Pinestone Resort.

The winners of the night were selected through an online poll in which each Chamber member received one vote. Anyone in the community could nominate a Chamber or non-Chamber member for an award.

#### And the winners are...

- Business Achievement Award** — West Guilford Shopping Centre
- Customer First Award** — Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant
- Entrepreneur of the Year** — Charlie Teljeur & Wayde Greer — Highways to Fairways
- Tourism & Hospitality** — Bonnie View Inn
- Innovation & Creativity** — Bent Nose Media — Highways to Fairways
- Not-for-Profit of the Year** — SIRCH Community Services
- New Business** — 241 Pizza
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## Provincial grants cut 10% Municipality has less to work with in 2012

By Stephen Patrick

Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig delivered the bad news first at last week's council meeting. "We have lost \$88,800 in grants from the Province. In 2011 we received \$925,000 and this year we will receive \$836,500."

The announcement was made as Council discussed the municipality's department heads' preliminary budget proposals, the first step towards in-depth budget deliberations. Restraint and caution were the bywords – particularly since the municipality can't project wages due to the ongoing negotiations with CUPE. Policing costs have already been projected to be almost eight percent higher in 2012, a difference of \$40,000 over last year.

Roads Department head Earl Covert proposed ditching, culvert replacement, and resurfacing on the South Wilberforce Road at an estimated cost of \$120,000, with capital expenditures estimated at \$270,000 for a backhoe and loader. Property supervisor Jim Alden brought forward a capital expenditures proposal for the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in the amount of \$110,000, which would include



Highlands East staff and council show off the hockey jerseys worn to support the municipality's Kraft Hockeyville campaign. Photo Stephen Patrick.

new electrical panels, a new chiller, and an ammonia leak detector. Alden also warned Council that there would be some expenditures to repair the beach and docks at Pine Lake in Gooderham; he's received one quote for the work at \$27,000, and is expecting more quotes.

Moving on from budget discussions, there was some sharp debate as Council discussed a payment of \$45,000 to pharmacist Khosrow Eshkour. The money will help with renovations to the medical centre, a facility the municipality will operate. Eshkour will also operate his pharmacy out of the building, formerly owned by the municipality.

Stoughton-Craig told Council that Eshkour had shown her renovation invoices of \$232,000, almost half of what Eshkour claims he's spent to date. Councilor Cec Ryall voiced some skepticism over the pace of the renovations, claiming he couldn't see the job being completed any time soon, and wanted a completion date in writing before giving out any funds. "We shouldn't give full payment until the job is done," Ryall said.

Council agreed to pay Eshkour \$25,000 now and the remaining \$20,000 when the job is completed.

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# Highlander business

## New owner for Prentice Power Sports

### Family business tradition to remain

By Highlander Staff

An icon among Minden area businesses has changed hands.

Prentice Power Sports is now owned by Steve Harper. The new owner, a businessman from the GTA, took over on January 2.

While Paul Prentice will remain on a part-time basis for a short time to assist with the transition, the family business tradition will remain: Harper's brother-in-law, Dan Bursey, will manage the business operations and Harper's son, Myles, has been working at the dealership since late last fall.

Bursey's business background is in construction in the Wasaga Beach area, but he is making Haliburton his permanent home. He's been a cottager in the area for many years and his family once owned a lodge on Halls Lake. "I've been coming up here since the '60s," he said.

The Harper family also has ties to Haliburton County. "We've been cottaging up here for about 10 years," Steve Harper said. He has a strong interest in snowmobiling, ATVs and boating, so taking over the dealership was "a good fit for my family. We're looking forward to it," Harper said. "Paul has some good employees here too and we're keeping them all."

Harper also brings business experience and knowledge to the job. He runs a successful Freightliner, Western Star and



Paul Prentice (on the Outlander) and his team (left to right) Carol Alain, Shona Gardiner, Jeff Harrison, Jack Harrison, Myles Harper and Evan Stevenson are ready to make tracks with new owner, Steve Harper. **Photo Walt Grifiin.**

Sterling truck dealership in the GTA.

The Prentice name has been synonymous with snowmobile, ATV and marine recreational products in this area and beyond for decades. The business got started 38 years ago, when Bill Prentice, Paul's dad, developed an interest in snowmobiling.

"In 1963, dad personally bought his first Ski-Doo," Paul Prentice said. "By the next winter, we were in the snowmobile business."

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The dealership has weathered some difficult times over the years. Prentice said that when he and Steve Berry (his brother-in-law) took over from Bill Prentice, interest rates were 21-23 percent. Berry has since moved on as owner of Royal Homes in Minden.

"We've also seen a couple of recessions since then and weather can be challenging at times," Prentice said. "I know they [the new owners] will do well as they share my strong belief in customer service being number one. Plus going forward they will have the best employees they could possibly have. I want to thank those very same employees. Without them I would not be where I am today. I also want to thank the many, many customers I've had the privilege to meet over the years as it is you who have made this all possible."



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# Highlander business



Andy and Christa Rickard with Sheana Allore, looking through their latest catalogue at their new location. **Photo Walt Griffin.**

## CARQUEST moves into Keaney's

Two long-time Minden businesses have recently moved to take advantage of larger floor space.

CARQUEST has moved into the former Keaney Chrysler building. The 3000 square foot area of the former car dealership's showroom will give owners Andy and Christa Rickard considerably more room to display their inventory of car parts, welders, towing supplies, windshield wiper blades, light bulbs and other automotive accessories.

The new space is 1,200 square feet larger than the previous location next to GP Tires Plus; the additional space will allow CARQUEST to increase inventory and display the products better. Along with the added floor space, the new location offers more parking.

The move has been completed and the doors opened on January 26. Christa Ricards added that CARQUEST offers overnight delivery, so if an item has to be ordered and it is in the warehouse, it can be delivered to Minden by 8 the next morning. "Come and check out the new location and the new showroom," she said.

## Larger, brighter Paulmac's Pet Food

The Minden Paulmac's Pet Food store has moved just one doorstep away, but according to manager Amanda Davis, it's made a world of difference. The store is still in Minden's Heritage Plaza, but now it's in the former Cox Apparel location.

An extra 500 square feet of floor space allows better displays. "It looks great," Davis said. "It has a whole new look. We have new shelving, we have a new logo on our sign, a new colour scheme — it's definitely a lot brighter, everything is displayed better. Paulmac's sent a merchandizing team, so it's all professionally done."

Taste of the Wild dog food, a full line of natural pet treats and a large selection of small animal and fish supplies are among the products in stock. Davis said Paulmac's will be offering monthly features. For example, February is pet dental month so the store has a special product display as well as educational materials regarding taking care of your pet's teeth. Pet toothpaste and toothbrushes are on sale as part of the promotion.

The local outlet also offers in-store cat adoption.

"We're always willing to try new things and we will order products in for customers," Davis said.

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## Ti Amo, new Italian restaurant in Minden

Minden's new Italian restaurant opened on December 6 — and business has been good, even during this traditionally slow time of year. Ti Amo is located on Highway 35, in the former Dixie Lee building.

"So far it's been great," owner Mary Douglas said. "People come back; they recommend other people. Right now we're doing our Valentine promotion so every Monday in February we'll be drawing for a free dinner for two."

Fresh pasta with homemade sauce is a specialty. Customers who dine at the restaurant can fill out a coupon to be entered in the draw. Ti Amo also has a sandwich special. "Buy any 10 of our sandwiches and get one free," Douglas said. Among the sandwiches served are veal, chicken, sausage, meatball and others. "Everybody loves it, and it's all homemade," she said.

The restaurant is open at 9 for traditional breakfasts, but lunch and dinner are Italian cuisine. "It's all recipes that my mom taught me growing up," Douglas said. She has six employees to help with the operation of the restaurant. "It's casual, good food, good portions at a reasonable price."

"Ti Amo translates to I love you. All of our food is made with care and love. We make sure that everybody is happy and they are enjoying themselves," Douglas says the Ti Amo staff are happy to help with arrangements for special events. "We'll help organize special occasions — or even if you just want to bring your spouse or partner out for a romantic dinner — we have the fireplace; we have the whole ambiance"

Ti Amo is open Monday to Thursday from 9 to 7, and Friday and Saturday from 9 to 9. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.

Douglas also owns the Cone at the bridge in downtown Minden and plans to reopen it May 1. Asked about the new Dairy Queen, Douglas is not concerned. "I'll still have my River Walk people," she said. "The Cone is a unique location and it's a unique building as well. I had a ton of work done to it last year."

Douglas plans to cross-promote the Cone and Ti Amo at each location. "Hopefully I'll be able to get the highway people into town and vice versa," she said.

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# Senior highlanders

## Aging Well

### The knee is a finely tuned piece of engineering

**Dear Penny:**

Why do my knees click?

Creaky Charlie

**Dear Charlie:**

For some people, clicking in their knees is quite normal—just like cracking their knuckles. For others, it may be an indication that something is not right. Without a proper examination, it's impossible to know what that could be, but let's talk knees.

A knee is a complicated joint that separates the femur in the thigh from the big bone of the lower leg called the tibia. Covering and protecting the knee joint is a flat round bone—the patella, or kneecap. Although the knee looks like a simple joint, it is a finely tuned piece of engineering and the most commonly injured joint in the body.

A knee depends on the integrity of a number of components to work properly. It has strong ligaments that “tie” it together.

It also has two C-shaped pieces of cartilage called the menisci (one is a meniscus) that act like shock absorbers and fit into the joint on the right and left sides, between the femur and the tibia. The ends of the bones are covered with a layer of cartilage to cushion them and to keep the bones from rubbing against each other. And finally, to keep the joint moving smoothly, a knee needs a supply of synovial fluid that acts a lot like oil in a machine. Any interference with any of these components can create problems.

When you get an injury to the surface of the joint, or a tear of a meniscus, your knee will not function as it should because there is an interference with the normal mechanics of the joint. Sometimes these sorts of injuries are associated with clicking.

A torn ligament can cause pain, swelling and instability, but rarely causes clicking.

However, pain or swelling may also indicate an irritation of the surface of the knee joint or debris loose in the knee. If your knee feels unstable and gives way, you may have a torn meniscus which is a common injury, usually accompanied by

pain in the joint and often associated with popping and clicking. Doctors refer to that sort of injury as “internal derangement of the knee” or IDK.

If all this information sounds confusing, it's because diagnosing conditions of the knee is not easy. X-rays can show bone damage, but you would need a CAT scan or MRI to outline the soft tissues, to tell you if you have a tear of a cartilage, a torn ligament, or an injury to the synovial capsule around the joint. And the fact is, if the clicking bothers you or is associated with pain or swelling, you'll need to see your doctor and have your knee properly assessed.

If your knee hurts, I urge you to make an appointment.

Readers, if you have any other questions — about your mobility, your comfort or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



**By Penny Brown**

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# Highlander sports

## Snowmobile training a blast

### Course teaches techniques, safety

By Will Jones

The Go Snowmobiling Show was in town and riding out of the Pinestone Resort last week.

A team of five instructors from Digital Video Productions held a series of half-day sessions from Thursday through Sunday, for newcomers to the sport and those who want to brush up on rusty techniques.

Partnering with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, Digital Video Productions is hosting a series of five events billed as the Give It A Try Tour throughout the winter. They will be in Wasaga Beach twice, Owen Sound, Calabogie, plus the first, here in Haliburton.

This is the fifth year that this introductory tour has been operating; the intention is to attract more people to the already popular past-time. The half-day course includes a complete rider orientation, training and testing session, followed by an escorted ride around the local trails.

Conditions throughout the county haven't been the greatest for snowmobiling this year but, after an instructional video, tips on how to handle the machines and a mini riding test around a marked course at the rear of the Pinestone, myself and five fellow newbies were let loose (under the watchful eye of our instructors) on the trails

surrounding the hotel.

Covering approximately 20 kilometres in around an hour was not what I imagine experienced snowmobilers would find exhilarating. However, for folks who have never or seldom ridden these machines before, it was a blast.

"We don't go too fast because we want everyone to feel comfortable on their first ride," said instructor John Blaicher. "The idea is to get you understanding how to ride a snowmobile safely, and to give you a taste of the fun to be had on the miles of trails in Haliburton County and the rest of the province."

Before the ride, everyone was taught the correct hand signals to use and body positioning for the various terrain we would encounter. Thumbs up was an apt sign for the day, as everyone had a great time, even a couple of folk who were visibly nervous at the start of the event.

"Snowmobiling is a sport that the entire family can take part in," said Blaicher. "It's exciting, fun and, so long as you ride properly, it's safe, too."

For more information about the Give It A Try Tour, or trails in the province and Haliburton area, go to [www.tryriding.com](http://www.tryriding.com), the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) or the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association at [www.hsca.on.ca](http://www.hsca.on.ca).

For more on Will Jones's wild ride, see his column on Page 5.



Alana Britten quizzes a rider.  
Photo Will Jones

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# Sports opinion



By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

In the article we detailed Casper’s dynamic curling skills; her dedication to the sport; and her marvelous potential. She is a member of Peterborough’s Erin Butler rink, a foursome that will be curling in the Ontario Bantam Girls Championship. Casper is the lead on that team. She was recruited by the rink because she’s very good at what she does. Casper is the youngest player on a team of 16 year-olds. She, as we said in the headline last week, “punches above her weight.”

In that article we mentioned in passing that Casper also curls with the HHSS girls A-Team. We may have been premature. The Red Hawk A-Team, with Alex throwing third rocks for skip Laura Pottier, qualified for the Gore Regional Finals at Toronto’s Granite Club this weekend [Feb 4-5].

Here’s the rub: the Ontario Bantam Championships are at the Galt Curling Club in Cambridge, Feb 8-11. The dates conflict with a Kawartha high school competition. During the course of the interview last week, Alex said she was torn up over the conflict. She mentioned that going to Provincials would mean missing the school meet.

Casper is 14 and she asked for advice. She was told that the trip to the Provincials presented a pretty huge opportunity. She told me that, on advice from people she respected, she made the decision to curl with Butler, because she figured that her Haliburton High School Team could use an A-Team spare. She made it pretty clear that she was not making the decision on a

## PardontheEruption

# Hal High to decide Casper’s fate

### Star curler may get bumped from Hawks team for pursuing “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity

I did a Junior Highlander feature on a talented young curler, Alex Casper, last week. She’s 14 and in her first year at

whim.

She added, cogently, that the Erin Butler rink could never find a spare in time to replace her at lead.

Last Thursday evening we were informed by a few members of the curling community that Casper’s place on that team has come under some scrutiny. We phoned her dad Eric Casper and he confirmed it.

We learned further that Alex Casper’s dream trip to the Gore Regionals, and indeed her place on the Red Hawk team, was being subjected to a review.

That prompted a visit to the school from Alexandra’s dad, on Friday afternoon. He told *The Highlander* that it was a productive meeting, but declined to get into specifics except to say it lasted over an hour.

Eric told me that he was there on behalf of his daughter and not to plead a case. He was there as a concerned dad just asking for some clarification about his daughter’s status with the team.

Teacher and Coach Kathy Hutson confirmed on Tuesday afternoon that Eric — a coach himself, and the icemaker at the Minden Curling Club — had requested and been granted a meeting with the Hal High coaching staff on Friday.

We talked with Hutson on Tuesday and she maintains that Alexandra was not cut from the team last week, but she did add that a decision regarding her Gore status and team status would be made on Wednesday.

When pressed on the issue of Casper’s status as a member of the Haliburton Curling team, Hutson said, “It’s not been completely decided yet. We hope that by tomorrow we’ll have a decision. We’re waiting to talk to a couple of people.

“We have a curling practice tomorrow in Minden, and we’ll

know then. Girls [on the team] are in and out of school right now with exams. So we have nothing to report. Nothing is determined right now.”

Part of the mandate of a columnist is to approach issues head on, in a forthright manner. So we enter this fray with good intentions, and in the interests of clarifying a dicey situation. To wit: is it fair to subject a 14 year-old girl to this kind of scrutiny? I am uncomfortable with any conditions that force such a young athlete to make complex decisions about opportunities and loyalties.

To be perfectly blunt, we are flummoxed.

We know that athletes at Hal High combine school hockey with organized competitive hockey. Not too far back, a young kid named Matt Duchene was able to pursue his dream on two sets of ice — with his school and in triple A.

Male curlers in the past have combined high school and bantam participation. Wrestlers are involved in other sports. In fact, at a school as small as Hal High, it’s dam near imperative that most students compete in a number of sports.

I guess what concerns us most is the message all this sends to a young woman who only wants to stretch her horizons.

Dad says that Alex is an enthusiastic member of the Hal High team. She’s never missed a practice and she obviously asked her dad and other “grown-ups” for guidance, with the decision to forego a Red Hawk event in favor of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Provincials.

After that, it gets a little confusing. We don’t know what we’re waiting for or who is making the decision; at press time, we don’t know what’s happening to Alex Casper.

More importantly, we don’t know why.

Highland Storm Peewee AE

Storm Midgets win first playdown round versus Schomberg

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Highland Storm Peewee AE playoffs began in Minden on Jan 29 against Oshawa. The Storm team came out to win and dominated most of the game. The Oshawa goalie however, stood solid in the net and allowed the Storm just one goal.

The first and second period were filled with chances by the Storm team, but despite the number of shots on net it remained scoreless. The game was fun and full of penalties, scoring opportunities and a penalty shot. It was early in the third period when things heated up and the play finally resulted in a goal by the Storm. Passes came from Aidan Garbutt and Alex Petrie; amid scrambling in front of the net, the puck found the stick of Jon Morrison and he put it in.

A well-deserved shutout goes to Josh Bellefleur, and an awesome team effort that grabbed the first win of the playdowns.

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The Tim-Br Mart Highland Storm midgets have just successfully completed the first round of the OMHA playdowns against Schomberg.

The first two games went to the Storm, with a total tally of eight goals for with only one against. This past weekend the Storm was hoping to finish the series in three straight, but the Schomberg team found their game and won at home with a score of 4-3 in overtime.

Scoring for the Storm was Tanner Hamilton, Ryan Hunter and Jacob Harrison with assists to Tanner Ballantyne, Zach Boice, Kieran Poropat and Mike Dack. That forced a game four which was held Sunday in Minden.

Schomberg went ahead 1-0 in the first period. The Storm answered back with two in the second by Tanner Ballantyne and Tanner Hamilton, with one helper going to Zach. Schomberg would return the favour and at the intermission the score was knotted at two.

The visitors came out for the third with the edge and scored a quick one to again go ahead. Not until late in the third did the home team get organized and tie it up with a low hard shot from Tanner Hamilton at the blue line, assisted by Zach and Jacob Sisson.

With just over a minute to play, the Storm would now go ahead with a hard-to-the-net play by Nick Hunter, assisted by Ryan and Zach. That was when the momentum shifted; with some fire now in their eyes, the home team was focused. Schomberg pulled their goalie in the dying seconds of the game and that allowed Sisson to slip in an empty net goal through the crowd.

The Storm go through to the next round, against either the Frontenac Flyers or the Orono Maple Leafs.

## Storm Bantam A win first two playdown contests

The GJ Burtch Construction Storm Bantam As started their 2012 playdowns against old rivals, the Orono Maple Leafs, last weekend in Minden and Orono.

But this time around it was virtually no contest, with the Storm clearly on a different level from Orono. Final scores: 12-0 and 17-0. The third (and presumably final) game in the series will be in Orono Feb 3 at 9 pm.

Winning by such a margin is not particularly good for the victors because the players can easily lose focus, forget about team play, and just have a comfortable shinny-type skate. So Coach James Reilly and his coaching staff will have their work cut out for them to get the boys back on track, and ready for the next round.

At this writing, the Storm opponents look to be the Campbellford Colts, who’ve taken a 2-0 lead in their series with the Frontenac Flyers. And rest assured, the Colts will provide serious competition. If they complete their series this weekend, it’s likely the Storm will resume the playdowns on the weekend of Feb 10 -12.

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## Storm Peewee As a shutout for goalie Parker Smolen

Dr Ed Smolen Family Dentistry's Peewee As started their OMHA playdowns last Saturday, against the CYO (Church Youth Organization) Durham Crusaders from Oshawa (Victoria Durham League). The team was a little nervous, first because it had been several weeks since the Storms' last game, and second, because Oshawa is a much bigger centre — not to mention that the Crusaders had one goalie who, at 13, is six-foot-two.

Nevertheless, the Storm led 1-0 in the first on a goal by Chase Burden, assisted by Max MacNaull. In the second, Josh Boice scored, assisted by Kyle Cooper. The third period saw some penalties to the Storm, allowing the Crusaders almost two minutes of three-on-five, but the Storm boys put forth a great effort and maintained their two-goal lead.

Chris Thompson, assisted by Josh Boice, scored

the third goal, and finally a fourth goal went to Greg Crofts, assisted by Devyn Prentice and Mark Saville. A 4-0 win for the Storm and a shutout for goalie Parker Smolen.

In the second game on Sunday in Oshawa, the Storm again scored first, with Matt Wilbee getting the goal, assisted by Jake Bull. Matt continued the scoring with a second short-handed goal, unassisted in the second period, and then a third for a hat-trick, assisted by birthday boy Ethan Keefer at the top of the third.

The Crusaders changed goalies in the third, as did we, giving Ryan Hannah some time on ice. Andrew Hall added a fourth goal, assisted by Mark Saville. Max MacNaull got the fifth unassisted, followed by Andrew Hall, assisted by Matt Wilbee for number six. And to end the game, Devyn Prentice scored the last goal, assisted by Mark Saville and Greg Crofts, to bring home the win of 7-1 for the Storm.

Our next game is Feb 4 at 8 pm in Whitby at the Iroquois Centre Pad #3, and then if necessary back in Minden at 5 pm on Feb 5.

## Storm Atom AE defeat Gravenhurst three straight

Submitted by Larry Bukta

With a pair of victories on Saturday and Sunday, the Highland Storm Atom AE team defeated Gravenhurst in three straight games, advancing to the next round of the playoffs. Highland Storm won 8-1 in Gravenhurst on Saturday; Jake O'Neill scored three goals, Miki Bukta and Nigel Smith each scored two goals, and Paul Turner netted one.

The team's puck-passing and puck handling showed good improvement in both games. The second game in Minden on Sunday resulted in a 7-1 win, with Jake O'Neill again earning a hat-trick, Miki Bukta scored twice, and Will Petrie and Paul Turner each scored one.

Goalie Jaxson Campbell had an excellent series. Everyone on the team is showing increased confidence and ability in their game, which coach Jim O'Neill looks to harness in what is sure to be an exciting higher level of competition in the next playoff round.

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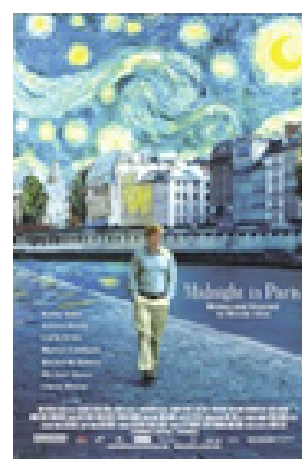
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# Highlander



Sarah Carlin all smiles at the fundraiser last Saturday.

## Benefit raises \$3,500

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton is a town with a marvelous capacity for empathy, caring, bonhomie and sharing moccasins. Putting on the Ritz, a benefit to support Sarah Carlin's hope for liberation from a confounding disease, drew a full house of friends, neighbours and family to McKecks Blue Line on Saturday night. They came to give their support and they came to bestow unconditional love — and money, for Sarah's upcoming treatment in the US, a therapy not covered by OHIP.

Jazz Kitchen played a very long first set to accompany the 'Ritz' New York theme. McKecks Manager, Karen Frybort, with the support of Sarah's legion of friends at Patient News — where Carlin is design supervisor — had transformed McKecks into a New York Speakeasy. A silent auction was held "uptown" at the back of the local eatery and bar.

The final tally was not available at press time, but organizers say that it should end up at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Sarah Carlin's struggles with multiple sclerosis were detailed in a recent Highlander feature written by our editor Stephen Patrick. MS is an unkind and sneaky affliction. It can recede into a well-disguised remission, and then just as suddenly rebound with frightening vengeance.

Carlin, with admirable frankness, told Patrick how MS affects her. "I have three main things going on: I have stiffness in my hands; the nerve function is confused; and I have a lack of sensation in my fingers, although I can still grip things and write and type. My walking ability is reduced, my co-ordination is off, and I suffer fatigue. Three years ago I could walk any distance I wanted to, and now I can walk two kilometers max — and then my hip just stops working, and I have a problem with co-ordination in my knees and ankles. There's a lesion in my thoracic spine, and the nerve simply times out."

Carlin is seeking treatment in the United States at the Albany Medical Clinic. The controversial 'liberation procedure' was developed by Italian researcher Dr Paolo Zamboni in 2009 and involves MS patients' having balloon angioplasty in their neck veins, on the theory that poor circulation causes their symptoms. Angioplasty — forcing blood vessels to expand — has been previously used primarily for arteries and is not an approved treatment for MS.

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### Monday — 13

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### Friday — 10

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- Play Pool! Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1:30 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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### Saturday — 11

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- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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### Sunday — 12

- LA Breakfast, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 8 am to 12 noon, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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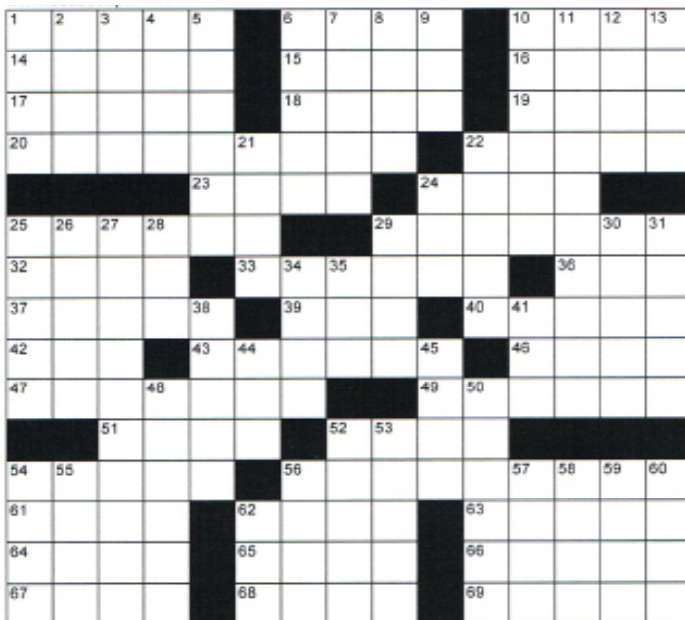
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## ACROSS

1. Rapidity
6. Norse tale
10. Circle segments
14. Once more
15. Give forth
16. Accomplishment
17. King, e.g.
18. Plunge
19. Buddhist monk
20. Support for an institution
22. Hoarse
23. Comedian Jay \_\_\_\_
24. Japanese wrestling
25. Painters' stands
29. Bemoans
32. Absent
33. Trinidad and \_\_\_\_
36. "We \_\_\_\_ Family"
37. Clothing stand
39. Anchorman \_\_\_\_ Rather

40. Batman's sidekick
42. Pitching stat
43. Eats away
46. Female voice
47. Symposium
49. Vocation
51. Singer \_\_\_\_ Williams
52. Handyman's need
54. Smooths wood
56. Objected
61. Ocean current
62. Think
63. \_\_\_\_ Island
64. Genesis location
65. Office acronym
66. Tint
67. Sassy
68. Two together
69. Disdainful look

## DOWN

1. Angel's instrument
2. Water (Sp.)
3. Popcorn seasoning
4. Layer
5. Sign up
6. Auto
7. Friend (Sp.)
8. Contribute
9. Nibbled
10. On fire
11. Not excessive
12. Child's resort
13. Stick around
21. Cozy place
22. Hearsay
24. Wilt
25. Roof edges
26. Informed
27. Newt, e.g.
28. Look over
29. Country path
30. Corny
31. Spanish "mister"
34. Smell
35. Wicked
38. Looks after
41. Boat paddle
44. Sugar \_\_\_\_ Leonard
45. Kilt wearer
48. Set in from the margin
50. Warns
52. Act toward
53. Spirited vigor
54. Ladder rung
55. Helper
56. Mexican money
57. Leg bone
58. Hue
59. Border
60. Stag
62. Speck



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